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REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 21, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Office to enter the Terminal Disclaimer filed concurrently herewith. After entry of this paper, claims 1-7, 9-14, and 16-23 should be in condition for allowance.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-7, 9-14, and 16-23 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatenable over claims 108 and 10-27 of copending Application No. 10/812,067.

Without acquiescing to the correctness of this rejection, in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) in response to the Examiner's double patenting rejection. By virtue of this disclaimer, Applicants respectfully submit that this double-patenting rejection has been overcome.

Conclusion

In view of the associated Terminal Disclaimer and the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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